

**US 60 CORRIDOR DEFINITION STUDY  
TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE – APRIL 26, 2005  
MEETING NOTES**

**ATTENDING**

Andy Smith, ADOT TPD  
John Lynch, MCDOT  
Kathy Borquez, Pinal County Public Works  
Stuart Boggs, RPTA  
Ed Stillings, FHWA  
Rudy Esquivas, Apache Junction Planning  
John Eckhardt III, ADOT Right-of-way  
Bill Leister, CAAG  
Luanna Capponi, Arizona State Lands Department  
Peter Lima, Lima & Associates  
Thomas Herz, Lima & Associates  
Luke Albert, Kirkham Michael

**PROJECT STATUS UPDATE**

Pete Lima gave a brief update of the project status. Since the last Technical Advisory Committee meeting in February, future socioeconomic and traffic conditions have been developed. A public forum was conducted in March 2005 to present existing and future conditions.

**PUBLIC FORUM**

An overview was given on the March 30, 2005 public forum which was held at the Peralta Elementary School, Gold Canyon as a joint meeting for the US 60 and Williams Gateway Corridor Definition Studies. The public forum was attended by over 100 people. Two presentations were made to those attending, questions were addressed, display boards were available, and participants responded to a questionnaire. The results of the public forum are available on the Corridor Definition Study website.

**FUTURE CONDITIONS**

The work accomplished by the three corridor definition study teams on developing future socioeconomic and traffic conditions was reviewed. The team developed a Pinal County Planning Model (PCPM) to estimate traffic volumes on a subregional roadway network. The planning model was used to estimate 2030 traffic volumes and capacity needs for a 2030 base roadway network. These results were presented at the March Public Forum. A comparison was presented for the 2004 socioeconomic data with the 2030 projected socioeconomic data. The following table summarizes the comparison of 2004 and 2030 population estimates.

<b>Portion of Planning Model Area</b>	<b>2004 Population</b>	<b>2030 Population</b>
Maricopa County portion	127,000	414,000
Pinal County portion	183,000	1,073,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>310,000</b>	<b>1,487,000</b>

## **EVALUATION METHODOLOGY**

The committee discussed the methodology for evaluating alternative corridor concepts. The methodology includes a needs analysis that will reduce the number of alternative concepts by a set of criteria and a more detail analysis of a selected number of concepts. The planning model will be used to estimate traffic volumes on the alternative corridor concepts.

## **OTHER ITEMS**

A study has been initiated by ASU to develop a planning concept for the state lands south of Apache Junction and west of US 60.

The committee discussed the need for ADOT to work with the State Lands Department, the County, and developers to coordinate on the control of access on existing US 60 east of Gold Canyon to Florence Junction.

## **NEXT STEPS**

A working paper documenting the existing and future conditions will be prepared. The three corridor definition study teams will conduct the needs analysis. A joint technical advisory committee meeting will be held in June for all three studies to review the results of the needs analysis. Public forums will be held for the three corridor definition studies in August 2005.